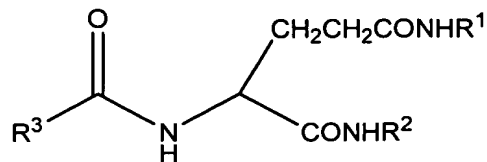


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, R³ represents a hydrocarbon group ~~having 7 to 10~~ having 8 to 10 carbon atoms.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms.

3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1, which is N-2-ethylhexanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide, N-octanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide, or N-decanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

4. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1, which is N-2-ethylhexanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

5. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1.

6. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1 and N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

7. (Withdrawn) The gelling agent according to Claim 6, wherein a ~~ratio~~ ratio of total weight of said compound and weight of N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide is 35:5 to 5:35.

8. (Withdrawn) A gel composition containing (a) a gelling agent according to Claim 5, and (b) at least one oil.

9. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 8, which is a translucent composition.

10. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 8, which further contains (c) at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.

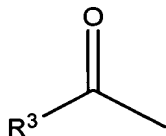
11. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to Claim 8.

12. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.

13. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 2, wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.

14. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 2, wherein R^1 and R^2 independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms.

15. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein the moiety in the formula represented by:



is selected from the group consisting of n-octanoyl, n-nonanoyl, n-decanoyl, n-undecanoyl and 2-ethylhexanoyl.

16. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is in a hydrate form.

17. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is in a crystal form.

18. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is isolated.

19. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is purified.

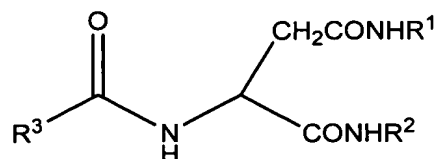
20. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is chemically synthesized.

21. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic according to Claim 11, further comprising one or more additives selected from the group consisting of a chelating agent, a gelling agent, a surfactant, an amino acid, a polyhydric alcohol, a polyamino acid, a water-soluble polymer, a sugar alcohol, a lower alcohol, an animal extract, a plant extract, a nucleic acid, a vitamin, an enzyme, an anti-inflammatory agent, an antibacterial agent, a preservative, an antioxidant, an ultraviolet absorber, an antiperspirant, a pigment, a dye, an oxidation dye, an organic fine particle, an inorganic fine particle, a pH adjusting agent, a pearling agent, and a wetting agent.

22. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to Claim 10.

23. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic according to Claim 22, further comprising one or more additives selected from the group consisting of a chelating agent, a gelling agent, a surfactant, an amino acid, a polyhydric alcohol, a polyamino acid, a water-soluble polymer, a sugar alcohol, a lower alcohol, an animal extract, a plant extract, a nucleic acid, a vitamin, an enzyme, an anti-inflammatory agent, an antibacterial agent, a preservative, an antioxidant, an ultraviolet absorber, a pigment, a dye, an oxidation dye, an organic fine particle, an inorganic fine particle, a pH adjusting agent, a pearling agent, and a wetting agent.

24. (Previously Presented) A compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein R^1 and R^2 independently represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, R^3 represents a hydrocarbon group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms.

25. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein R^1 and R^2 independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms

26. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 24.

27. (Withdrawn) A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to Claim 24 and N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

28. (Withdrawn) The gelling agent according to Claim 27, wherein a ration of total weight of said compound and weight of N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide is 35:5 to 5:35.

29. (Withdrawn) A gel composition containing (a) a gelling agent according to Claim 24, and (b) at least one oil.

30. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 29, which is a translucent composition.

31. (Withdrawn) The gel composition according to Claim 29, which further contains (c) at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.

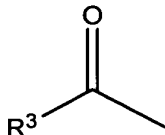
32. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to Claim 29.

33. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.

34. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 25, wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 9 carbon atoms.

35. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 25, wherein R^1 and R^2 independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 3 to 5 carbon atoms.

36. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein the moiety in the formula represented by:



is selected from the group consisting of n-octanoyl, n-nonanoyl, n-decanoyl, n-undecanoyl and 2-ethylhexanoyl.

37. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is in a hydrate form.

38. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is in a crystal form.

39. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is isolated.

40. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is purified.

41. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 24, wherein said compound is chemically synthesized.